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Title: Stabilization of the Tom Kelly Bottle House

Location: Nye County

Description: This significant example of mining boom-town vernacular

architecture is in serious need of stabilization. Work planned involves stabilizing the outer walls, rebuilding the roof structure and replacing the roofing with historically appropriate material, replacing missing and broken bottles, repainting the exterior, and refurbishing or replacing the windows. The front porch will be carefully removed, catalogued and stored for future rehabilitation.

Status: Work should commence in November or December of 2004.

Contact: Roberta McGonagle, Battle Mountain Field Office; Susan Rigby, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Shoshone-Eureka Planning Area, Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Location: Parts of Eureka, Lander, and Northern Nye Counties

Description: The current RMP was approved in 1986 with subsequent amendments.

Status: Shoshone-Eureka Planning Area, Resource Management Plan (RMP)

Contact: Mark Storzer, Battle Mountain Field Office

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RENEWABLE RESOURCES

FORESTRY



Title: Vegetative Sales

Location: Lander, Eureka, Esmeralda and Nye Counties

Description: Over the counter sale of permits for vegetative products (i.e. firewood, Christmas trees, Pinion nuts, Joshua trees).

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Joe Ratliff, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Aspen Study – Implementation of Recommendations

Location: District-wide

Description: Implement aspen protection projects as recommended in Aspen Management Plan.

Status: Completed 6 micro-exlosures and one 30 acres exclosure on South Smith Creek.

Contact: Joe Ratliff, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Battle Mountain Field Office Woodland Products EA

Location: Lander, Eureka, Esmeralda, and Nye County

Description: Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Christmas tree, fuel wood, wood post, Joshua tree, and pinion pine nut harvesting in the Tonopah and Shoshone-Eureka Resource Areas.

Status: To be completed by September 2005.

Contact: Joe Ratliff, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Battle Mountain Woodland Inventory

Location: Lander, Eureka, Esmeralda, and Nye County

Description: Inventory of pinion, juniper, aspen, and other woodland species using aerial photos, with on the ground checks to determine accuracy of photo interpretation and to conduct stand exams (density, age structure, etc.).

Status: Initiated in 2004. Data collection and ground-truthing scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Joe Ratliff, Battle Mountain Field Office

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Forestry Construction Projects

Title: Battle Mountain Fire Rehabilitation/Reforestation Project

Location: Lander County and Eureka County

Description: Reforestation of burned mountain brush. Plant 371 acres of bitterbrush on sites where native brush and/or trees have been lost due to fire.

Status: Planting, mulching, and protective netting completed. Fences to be constructed on 2005.

Contact: Joe Ratliff, Battle Mountain Field Office

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INVASIVE PLANT, NOXIOUS WEED & PEST MANAGEMENT



Title: Invasive Plant, Noxious Weed & Pest Inventory

Location: Approximately 217,000 acres District-wide

Description: Inventories include the locating, documenting and reporting of invasive plant, noxious weed and pest infestations based upon the inventory schedule outlined in the District Weed & Pest Program Annual Operating Plan (AOP) and reporting through staff and public outreach initiatives.

Status: To be completed by September 30, 2005.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station.

Title: Contracted Invasive Plant, Noxious Weed and Pest Treatment/Re-Treatment

Location: Railroad Valley, Nye County

Description: Tri-County Weed Control, Ely, NV will treat Russian knapweed under the Ely Field Office (BLM) contract based upon the FY 2003 inventory.

Status: To be completed by September 30, 2004.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Invasive Plant and Noxious Weed Treatment/Re-Treatment.

Location: Approximately 2,700 acres District-wide

Description: Treatment/re-treatment includes identification and location of infestations, application of pesticide, and mechanical treatments.

Status: To be completed by September 30, 2005.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office and Tonopah Field Station; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Invasive Plant and Noxious Weed Evaluation of Treatment/Re-Treatment

Location: Approximately 1,800 acres District-wide

Description: Evaluation includes the monitoring of pesticide and mechanical treatments and reporting of treatment success.

Status: : To be completed by September 30, 2005.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Invasive Plant, Noxious Weed and Pest Support Work for Restoring Health of the Public Lands

Location: Lander, Eureka, Nye and Esmeralda counties

Description: Technical and economic assistance for the second year to the Amargosa Toad Conservation Plan/Saltcedar Project in Nye County, Beatty, NV. Technical and economic assistance for five Assistance Agreements.

Status: : To be completed by September 30, 2005.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Invasive Plant, Noxious Weed and Pest Support Work for Outreach Through Interpretation and Environmental Education

Location: District-wide

Description: Continued development of an invasive plant, noxious weed and pest Outreach Educational Platform. Two mailings of informational and instructional materials to internal and external partners.

Status: : To be completed by September 30, 2005.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Mormon Cricket & Grasshopper Treatments on Public Land

Location: District-wide

Description: Annual survey, treatment and coordination request to USDA-APHIS-PPQ and Nevada Department of Agriculture for response to cricket and grasshopper infestations. Review and/or update of the cricket and grasshopper pesticide-use-proposal and authorization.

Status: : To be completed by September 30, 2005.

Contact: Richard Kurtz, Battle Mountain Field Office; Valerie Metscher, Tonopah Field Station

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RIPARIAN AND WATER QUALITY



Title: Water Quality Sampling and Analysis

Location: Lander County

Description: Collect water samples and analyze water quality on the Kingston, Simpson Park, and Dry Creek Allotments.

Status: Completed

Contact: Duane Crimmins, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Surface Water Inventory and Riparian-Wetland Proper Function Condition (PFC) Assessments

Location: Lander and Eureka Counties

Description: Conduct surface water inventory and PFC assessments on Dry Creek and Santa Fe/Ferguson Allotments.

Status: Completed

Contact: Duane Crimmins, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Surface Water Inventory and Riparian-Wetland Proper Function Condition (PFC) Assessments

Location: Esmeralda County

Description: Conduct surface water inventory and PFC assessments on Fish Lake Valley Allotment

Status: Completed

Contact: Rhen Etzelmler, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Riparian/Wetland Utilization Monitoring

Location: Lander County

Description: Riparian/Wetland utilization monitoring in Carico, Simpson Park, and Kingston Allotments.

Status: Monitoring performed in 2004 and will continue in 2005.

Contact: Duane Crimmins, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Surface Water Inventory and Riparian-Wetland Proper Function Condition (PFC) Assessments

Location: Nye and Esmeralda Counties

Description: Conduct surface water inventory and PFC assessments on Montezuma Allotment.

Status: Scheduled for 2005

Contact: Rhen Etzelmler, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Surface Water Inventory and Riparian-Wetland Proper Function Condition (PFC) Assessments

Location: Lander County

Description: Conduct surface water inventory and PFC assessments on Argenta, Buffalo, North Buffalo, and Copper Canyon Allotments.

Status: Scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Duane Crimmins, Battle Mountain Field Office

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LIVESTOCK GRAZING MANAGEMENT



Consultation, cooperation and coordination are the core of the public participation process and provide the BLM decision-maker the opportunity to consider the most complete information before making decisions. The regulations require consultation, cooperation, and coordination with the affected permittee or lessee, the State having lands or managing resources within the area, and the interested public for the management of livestock grazing on public lands.

It has been our experience that public interests change over time and it is necessary to periodically update our interested public mailing lists to reduce unnecessary mailings. Each year the Battle Mountain Field Office and the Tonopah Field Station send out to all resource management planning participants a letter which outlines the regulatory requirements under 43 CFR 4100 for identifying oneself as an interested public. If you respond to this letter you are then added to our interested publics list for those allotments and actions that you identified.

If you wish to be considered an interested public and participate in the management of livestock grazing on public lands, you may do so at anytime. Your request to be an interested public must be in writing and should include: 1) the specific allotment(s) you are interested in by name and 2) the specific type(s) of grazing management actions you are interested in for each allotment. A map and list of grazing allotments within the Battle Mountain Field Office and Tonopah Field Station areas

of administration are available on request.

Title: Seven-Mile Complex Rangeland Health Assessment/Multiple Use Decision (MUD)

Location: Eureka and Nye Counties

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on the Seven-Mile, Sweeney Wash, Hicks Station and Snowball Allotments.

Status: Completed

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: JD Allotment Rangeland Health Assessment /Multiple Use Decision

Location: Eureka County

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on JD Allotment to the monitoring results and consider changes needed to meet the objectives.

Status: Completed

Contact: Dan Fletcher, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Fish Creek Complex Rangeland Health Assessment/Multiple Use Decision

Location: Eureka County

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on the Fish Creek Ranch, Arambel, Lucky C, Ruby Hill and Romano Allotments and set appropriate management levels (AML) for wild horses in two herd management areas (HMA's).

Status: Completed.

Contact: Shawna Richardson, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Carico Lake Allotment Rangeland Health Assessment

Location: Lander County

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on the Carico Lake Allotment and set AML for wild horses in two HMA's.

Status: Rangeland Health Assessment and Conformance Determination in progress; FMUD scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Dan Fletcher, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Simpson Park and Kingston Rangeland Health Assessment

Location: Lander County

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on Simpson Park and Kingston Allotments to the monitoring results and consider changes needed to meet the objectives and set AML for wild burro territory.

Status: Rangeland Health Assessment and Conformance Determination in progress; FMUD scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Michele McDaniel, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Permit renewal on various allotments

Location: Esmeralda and Nye Counties

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on the Magruder Mountain Allotment to the monitoring results and consider changes needed to meet the objectives.

Status: Completed.

Contact: Marc Pointel, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Silver Peak, Ice House, Fish Lake Valley and Red Springs Allotments Rangeland Health Assessment /Multiple Use Decision

Location: Esmeralda County

Description: Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on the Montezuma Allotment to the monitoring results and consider changes needed to meet the objectives.

Status: FMUD Scheduled to be completed in 2005.

Contact: Dustin Rooks, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Montezuma Allotment Rangeland Health Assessment /Multiple Use Decision

Location: Esmeralda and Nye Counties

Description: This is a re-evaluation. Compare the land use plan objectives and standards for rangeland health on the Montezuma Allotment to the monitoring results and consider changes needed to meet the objectives.

Status: FMUD Scheduled to be completed in 2005.

Contact: Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station

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Livestock Grazing Management Construction Projects

Title: Whisky Canyon Rehab Fence Extension

Location: Argenta Allotment, Lander County

Description: Whiskey Canyon Rehabilitation fence has several gaps where cattle are entering the enclosure and concentrating on the aspen and riparian areas. Need to fence off gaps to prevent further deterioration of the drainage.

Status: Scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Palo Alto Pasture Fence

Location: Carico Lake Allotment

Description: Construct a pasture fence in the valley bottoms between Highway 305 and the Shoshone Mountain Range.

Status: In progress.

Contact: Dan Fletcher, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Moss Creek Pasture Fence

Location: Carico Lake Allotment

Description: Construct a pasture fence in the valley bottoms between Highway 305 and the Shoshone Mountain Range.

Status: In progress.

Contact: Dan Fletcher, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Grubb Flat Pasture Fence

Location: Santa Fe Ferguson Allotment is approximately 18 miles west of Eureka, NV

Description: Extend the Grubb Flat Pasture fence. The Grubb Flat Pasture Fence would divide the allotment into an additional pasture

Status: Completed.

Contact: Jeff Nissen, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: 319-H Riparian Protection Projects

Location: Carico Lake Allotment

Description: Construct fourteen riparian exclosures and eight pipelines. Eleven riparian exclosures and four pipelines are proposed for construction in the Shoshone Mountain Range in the lower reaches of the Cottonwood Basin in Smith Flat located in the Carico Lake Allotment. Three riparian exclosures and four pipelines are proposed for construction in the upper reaches of Cottonwood Basin near Elephant Head in the Carico Lake Allotment.

Status: Completed

Contact: Jeff Nissen, Battle Mountain Field Office.

Title: Rye Grass Fence

Location: Grass Valley Allotment, Lander County

Description: This project is proposed to assist in livestock management.

Status: Completed.

Contact: Jeff Nissen, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Lone Mountain Fence

Location: Lucky C Allotment

Description: Create pasture fences in accordance with grazing system identified in Fish Creek Complex FMUD.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Antelope Valley Fence

Location: Lucky C Allotment

Description: Create pasture fences in accordance with grazing system identified in Fish Creek Complex FMUD..

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Snowball Riparian Exclosures and Fences

Location: Snowball Allotment.

Description: Construct riparian exclosures and pasture fence in accordance with Hicks Station/Snowball FMUD.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office.

Title: Romano/Lucky C Boundary Fence and Exclosures

Location: Romano and Lucky C Allotments

Description: Construction of boundary fence and Exclosures.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Pine Canyon Wilderness Study Area (WSA) Boundary Fence

Location: Grass Valley Allotment, Eureka County

Description: Project is proposed for livestock management.

Status: To be completed in 2005

Contact: Jeff Nissen, Battle Mountain Field Office.

Title: Fish Creek Ranch Fence

Location: Fish Creek Allotment

Description: Construction of pasture fence to divide Fish Creek Valley.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office.

Title: JD Exclosures and Fence

Location: JD Allotment

Description: Construction of riparian exclosures and 700 feet of fence in accordance with JD FMUD.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Dan Fletcher, Battle Mountain Field Office.

Title: 7 Mile Winter Pasture Fences

Location: 7 Mile Allotment

Description: Construction of pasture fence in accordance with 7 Mile FMUD.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Jerrie Bertola, Battle Mountain Field Office

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WILD HORSES AND BURROS



Title: Fish Creek Complex Wild Horse Gather

Location: Eureka and Nye Counties

Description: The BMFO plans to complete a wild horse removal in conjunction with the TFS and USFS throughout 3 Herd Management Areas (HMAs) and 3 USFS Wild Horse Territories (WHTs) which include: Fish Creek, Sevenmile, North Monitor, and Little Fish Lake HMAs, and Kelly Creek, Butler Basin and Little Fish Lake WHTs. Adjacent areas outside of HMA/WHT boundaries would also be gathered. The project may include the use of fertility control on mares released back to the HMA/WHTs.

Status: Currently scheduled for January/February 2005.

Contact: Shawna Richardson, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Fish Creek Complex Pre-Gather Census

Location: Eureka and Nye Counties

Description: The BMFO, TFS, and USFS plan to census wild horses in the HMAs and WHTs identified above.

Status: Pending; will depend upon District funding levels.

Contact: Shawna Richardson, Battle Mountain Field Office; Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station.

Title: Battle Mountain Field Office Wild Horse and Burro Census

Location: Eureka and Lander Counties

Description: The BMFO plans to complete census flights on one-third of the Herd Management Areas throughout the planning area. HMAs may include New Pass/Ravenswood, Roberts Mountain, Rocky Hills, Callaghan, South Shoshone, and Bald Mountain HMAs.

Status: On going. Completion will depend on District funding levels.

Contact: Shawna Richardson, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Set Appropriate Management Level (AML) for the Callaghan HMA

Location: Lander County

Description: The BMFO plans to establish AML for the remaining 8% of the Callaghan HMA through the Simpson Park Allotment Evaluation and Rangeland Health Assessment.

Status: Completion in 2005.

Contact: Christine Pontarolo, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Set AML in the Hickison Burro HMA/WHT

Location: Lander and Nye Counties

Description: The BMFO plans to establish AML for the Hickison Burro HMA/WHT through the Simpson Park and Kingston Allotment Evaluation and Rangeland Health Assessment.

Status: Completion in 2005.

Contact: Christine Pontarolo, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Set AML in the Bald Mountain and South Shoshone HMAs

Location: Lander County

Description: The BMFO plans to establish AML for the Bald Mountain and South Shoshone HMAs through the Carico Lake Allotment Evaluation and Rangeland Health Assessment.

Status: Completion during 2005.

Contact: Shawna Richardson, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Tonopah Field Office Wild Horse and Burro Census

Location: Nye County

Description: TFS plans to complete census flights on the Reveille Allotment

Status: Annual event; must occur under court order.

Contact: Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Tonopah Field Office Wild Horse and Burro Census

Location: Nye and Esmeralda Counties

Description: TFS plans to complete census flights on the Paymaster, Stonewall, Bullfrog, Gold Mountain, Goldfield, Montezuma Peak, and Palmetto HMAs.

Status: On going. Completion will depend on District funding levels

Contact: Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Set AML in Fish Lake Valley and Silver Peak HMAs

Location: Nye County

Description: The TFS plans to establish AML for the Fish Lake Valley and Silver Peak HMAs through the Fish Lake Valley Complex Allotment Evaluation and Rangeland Health Assessment.

Status: Completion in 2005.

Contact: Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Set AML in the Palmetto and Gold Mountain HMAs

Location: Nye, Esmeralda Counties

Description: The TFS plans to establish AML for the Palmetto and Gold Mountain HMAs through the Magruder Mountain Allotment Evaluation and Rangeland Health Assessment.

Status: Completed

Contact: Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Set AML for the Springdale II allotment portion of the Bullfrog HMA.

Location: Nye County

Description: The TFS plans to establish AML for the Bullfrog HMA.

Status: Completion in 2005.

Contact: Amy Dumas, Tonopah Field Station

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Wild Horse & Burro Construction Projects

Title: Brown Canyon Well Solar Panel Installation

Location: Fish Creek HMA, Eureka County

Description: Solar panels will be installed to pump the Bob Brown well for use by livestock, wildlife, and wild horses.

Status: Completion in 2005.

Contact: Shawna Richardson Field Office

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WILDLIFE and FISHERIES



Title: South Central Nevada Sage Grouse Conservation Plan development;
Bi-State Sage Grouse Conservation Plan development

Location: District-wide

Description: The first edition of the Plan is complete and can be found on the Nevada Department of Wildlife website: www.ndow.org. The Plan includes goals and objectives as well as specific initiatives and projects and for improvement of sage grouse habitats, in cooperation with Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) and other partners. The plan is dynamic and will evolve through time.

Status: Being implemented.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office; Rhen Etzelmiller, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Large Capacity Wildlife Guzzlers

Location: Lander, Eureka and Nye Counties

Description: Construction of four guzzlers to provide water for a number of wildlife species.

Status: Scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office; Rhen Etzelmiller, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Columbia Spotted Frog Conservation Agreement and Strategy

Location: Nye County

Description: An agreement and strategy that includes multiple partners (federal, state, county, tribal, and University of Nevada System) with specific tasks to implement in order to prevent the Columbia Spotted Frog from being listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Status: Completed and signed; now being implemented

Contact: Rhen Etzelmler, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Central Nevada Elk Management Plan

Location: Lander, Eureka, and Nye Counties

Description: This plan provides for the management of elk in central Nevada.

Status: The Plan was signed in January 2004 and is now being implemented

Contact: Rhen Etzelmler, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Special Status Species Inventories

Location: District-wide

Description: Inventory of special status species (especially pygmy rabbits).

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office, Rhen Etzelmler, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Mt. Moses Utility Pole Removal

Location: Fish Creek Mountains

Description: These poles, which constitute a risk to sage grouse as raptor and raven hunting perches, are no longer necessary, and will be removed by Sierra Pacific Power Company.

Status: Completed in 2004.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Falcon-Gonder 345 kV Transmission Line Anti-Perching Effort and Sage Grouse Effects Study

Location: Eureka County

Description: A study of the effectiveness of anti-perching devices for transmission poles and the affect that the transmission line has upon sage grouse habitats and populations.

Status: This ten-year study, which began in 2003, is ongoing.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Transmission Line Anti-Perching Retrofit

Location: Lander and Eureka Counties

Description: As part of the mitigation for the Falcon-Gonder 345kV transmission project, Sierra Pacific Power Company is installing experimental anti-perching/anti-nesting devices on approximately 22 miles of existing transmission line that currently crosses high value sage grouse habitats in Elko and Battle Mountain BLM Districts.

Status: Completed during summer 2004.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Sage Grouse Movements and Habitat Use Study

Location: Fish Creek and Battle Mountains

Description: This project is yielding valuable information about breeding, nesting, brood rearing, movements and population dynamics in these small, apparently isolated sage grouse populations. An additional nine birds were fitted with radios in the Fish Creeks Mountains during July. A capture effort in the Battle Mountains during July failed. A second effort to capture and radio collar birds was made in Battle Mountains in September.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) Consultation on JD Allotment

Location: Roberts Mountains

Description: This effort will ensure protection for LCT as required by the Endangered Species Act

Status: Completed; now issuing decision documents which include terms and conditions articulated in the biological opinion issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) Consultation/Effects
Determination on Roberts Mountain Allotment Permit Transfer

Location: Roberts Mountains

Description: This effort will ensure protection for LCT as required by the Endangered Species Act

Status: The effects of a permit transfer and livestock grazing on LCT, particularly in Pete Hanson Creek are now being considered.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Riparian Meadow Fences

Location: Fish Creek and Battle Mountains

Description: This effort will greatly enhance sage grouse habitats by helping to restore these important components.

Status: The Fish Creek fences are ahead of schedule and should be built in the fall of 2005. The Battle Mountain fences should be built in 2005 or 2006, depending on workload.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Tonkin Sage Grouse Habitat Enhancement Project

Location: Areas north of Tonkin Summit, Simpson Park Mountains

Description: This project will help to reverse pinyon-juniper encroachment into sage grouse habitat while at the same time creating fire breaks that will reduce the risk of catastrophic fire.

Status: Partial funding was obtained for 2005 through the BLM Budget Planning System. Planning has been initiated with intended implementation in the fall of 2005.

Contact: Mike Stamm, Battle Mountain Field Office

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NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES

LANDS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY



Title: Monarch Mill Withdrawal and Reclamation

Location: Lander County, Nevada

Description:

Abandoned mill site in non-compliance with 43 CFR 3809 and 43 CFR 3715 regulations. All attempts to contact the claimant/operator have been unanswered. Because of the abandoned equipment and possible improper storage of chemicals, the site constituted a threat to public safety, human health, and the environment.

Status The case was serialized as a trespass case file under 43 CFR 2920.1-2 and is being processed as "owner unknown". It was determined by an industry expert that the abandoned equipment has no salvage value.

A Legal Notice of trespass proceedings was published in 3 local newspapers in August to be followed by completion of an Affidavit of Diligent Search and posting a Property Notice in January. Task list and draft project schedules have been drawn up.

Contact: Chuck Lane, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Eureka Sewage Processing Facility

Location: Eureka County

Description: Proposal is to patent 80 acres surrounding the existing Eureka City sewage facility under the R&PP Act. The property has been under R&PP lease since 1979.

Status: All required engineering and environmental studies have been completed. A Landfill Transfer Audit is essentially complete except the Mineral Potential Report portion of the audit may need to be updated. Patent expected in 2004.

Contact: Chuck Lane, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Kingston Airport

Location: Lander County

Description: The Town of Kingston, NV wants to acquire title to their airport through legislative action. The airport was authorized under an airport lease. The lease could not be renewed because airstrip did not meet FAA standards.

Status: Kingston made the necessary changes to airstrip and FAA conducted a compliance inspection and submitted letter of approval to BLM. Subsequently, Town of Kingston submitted to BLM, a letter of application for a new airport lease involving 144.88 acres.

Various bills have been introduced in Congress to transfer the airstrip to Kingston, but were not acted on.

Contact: Chuck Lahr, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Austin Airport Grant

Location: Lander County

Description: Lander County is requesting, through FAA, that the Austin

Airport be conveyed to them under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act.

Status: Formal FAA request was received in August, 1999.

Environmental Assessment (EA) Decision Record was signed in February 2001 and appealed during the 30-day public appeal period and went to IBLA. Appellant failed to file statement of reasons within 30 days after notice of appeal was filed. BLM filed a motion to dismiss. IBLA decision is pending.

Contact: Chuck Lahr, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Falcon to Gonder 345 kV Power Transmission Line

Location: Lander, Eureka, Elko, and White Pine Counties

Description: High voltage transmission line connecting Gonder and Falcon substations.

Status: Construction began March 2003. To date, 60% of towers set, 70% of trees cleared, 10% of wire strung, 70% of roads improved or constructed.

Contact: Gail Givens, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Underwood Canyon Trespass & Wilderness Study Area (WSA) Incursion

Location: Lander County

Description: A water diversion structure was constructed without authorization in Underwood Canyon, within the Simpson Park WSA. The structure, made of heavy equipment tires, did not meet the non-impairment criteria required in WSAs. BLM removed the unauthorized structures. The builder of the diversion structure filed a civil suit against BLM in September 2000.

Status: Litigation was dismissed by a U.S. District Court Judge in August 2003.

Contact: Gail Givens, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Kingston Landfill

Location: Lander County

Description: Proposal is to patent 10 acres of the existing Kingston

landfill for the establishment of a transfer bin facility. Subject lands will be conveyed to Lander County under authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. Remainder of landfill will be processed for closure.
Status: Proposal received. Case processing is scheduled to be initiated in 2004.

Contact: Chuck Lahr, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Homestake Ruby Hill Mine Land Sale

Location: Eureka County

Description: Proposed 1,644.94 acre direct sale of the surface estate of the Ruby Hill Mine.

Status: Completed and Patent issued in August 2003.

Contact: Chuck Lahr, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Reese River Valley to Berlin, NV Buried Fiber Optic Cable

Location: Lander County, Nevada

Description:

Proposal from SBC (Nevada Bell Telephone Company) to install 65 miles of buried fiber optic cable, 46 miles of which will cross public lands. The route extends from Austin to the Yomba Indian Reservation in southern Reese River Valley with a western branch that will cross the Shoshone Range and serve Ione and Berlin. The route is proposed to follow existing Rights of Way or county roads.

Status: Case file serialized. Case processing will occur in 2004.

Contact: Chuck Lane, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Paradise Peak Withdrawal

Location: Nye County

Description: 2,300 acre withdrawal to allow reclamation of defunct mine.

Status: Application approved by Washington Office.

Contact: Wendy Seley, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Roland Land Sale

Location: Nye County

Description: 7.5 acre direct sale in the Beatty Area.

Status: Appraisal update/review completed. Parcel to be offered for sale, upon publication of Notice of Realty Action (NORA).

Contact: Wendy Seley, Tonopah Field Station

Title: "DBR"/Fiber Optic Consolidation

Location: Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Esmeralda.

Description: Nevada Bell has requested consolidation of the "DBR" line, with the existing Fernley to Specter Mountain Fiber Optic Line. Includes amendment to fiber optic and relinquishment of "DBR" route.

Status: Cost recovery established and initial payment received. Grant to be offered in 2004.

Contact: Wendy Seley, Tonopah Field Station

Title: The Botner 1992 Family Trust Land Sale

Location: Esmeralda County

Description: 1.35 acre direct sale in the Fish Lake Valley Area.

Status: Appraisal update/review required. Parcel to be offered for sale, upon completion of appraisal and publication of NORA. Patent to be issued 2004.

Contact: Wendy Seley, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Stone Cabin Desert Land Entries (2)

Location: Nye County

Description: 640 acres of agricultural entry in South Stone Cabin Valley.

Status: Lands classified, case prepared for entry, waiting for Nevada State Water Engineer decision.

Contact: Wendy Seley, Tonopah Field Station

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Title: Cortez Gold Mines Pediment Project

Location: Lander County, Crescent Valley

Description: Cortez Gold Mines is proposing to construct an open pit heap leach mine.

Status: Permitting process for this project has begun. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been temporarily postponed pending further exploration of additional mineralization. A resubmission of the Plan of Operations is expected to be filed in 2005.

Contact: Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Cortez Gold Mines Pipeline/South Pipeline Pit Expansion Project

Location: Lander County, Crescent Valley

Description: Cortez Gold Mines is proposing to deepen and expand the Pipeline/South Pipeline pit.

Status: The Draft Supplemental EIS was sent out for public comment in May 2004. A Final Supplemental EIS is expected late 2004 or early 2005.

Contact: Jon Sherve, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Battle Mountain Gold Phoenix Project

Location: Lander County, Battle Mountain Range

Description: Open pit gold mine milling and heap leaching operation.

Status: The Record of Decision and Plan Approval was issued November 2003. However, the decision is pending State Director review.

Contact: Jon Sherve, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Ruby Hill Expansion – East Archimedes Project

Location: Eureka County, near the town of Eureka

Description: Homestake Mining Company of California (Homestake) proposes to expand its Ruby Hill Project, an existing open-pit gold mining and processing operations. The expanded project facilities and activities would be developed within the previously approved Ruby Hill Mine permit area.

Status: A Draft Supplemental EIS will be available for public comment in 2005.

Contact: Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Cortez Gold Mines - Horse Canyon/Cortez Unified Exploration Project

Location: Lander County, Crescent Valley

Description: Cortez Gold Mines is proposing an additional 200 acres of exploration within the project area. An Environmental Assessment was published for public comment in September 2004.

Status: Permitting process is expected to be completed in 2005.

Contact: Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Elder Creek Mine Reclamation

Location: Lander County, 21 miles south of Battle Mountain

Description: During 2004, the BLM teamed with the State of Nevada and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to develop a closure plan for final reclamation of the bankrupt mine site.

Status: Closure plan to be finalized in early 2005 and reclamation earthworks to follow.

Contact: Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Monarch Mill Remediation and Reclamation

Location: Near Austin, Nevada in Lander County

Description: Abandoned mill site in non-compliance with 43 CFR 3809 and 43 CFR 3715 regulations. The abandoned equipment, illegal landfill, and residual storage of hazardous materials poses a threat to public safety, human health, and the environment and has been segregated for two years pending completion of studies.

Status: Continued site characterization ensued during the fourth quarter of 2004. Removal of hazardous materials posing an imminent threat to the public will occur in early 2005. Next, an action plan for plant demolition and site reclamation will ensue. All required information has been submitted to the WO to move the property from "segregated" to "withdrawn" status for a period of 10 years.

Contact: Steve Drummond or Chuck Lane, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Norse-Windfall Mine

Location: Near Eureka, Nevada in Eureka County

Description: Abandoned cyanide heap leach facility.

Status: Contact with two Potential Responsible Parties was made in 2004. Characterization on plant facilities as well as groundwater sampling took place in June and July 2004. Contract awarded in September 2004 for final permanent closure plan. Reclamation earthwork to commence after spring 2005.

Contact: Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Paradise Peak Mine

Location: Near Gabbs, Nevada in Nye County

Description: Two abandoned heap leach facilities require reclamation. The County Line Heap is in the Carson City BLM District and the Ketchup Flat Heap is located within the Battle Mountain BLM District.

Status: Funds were secured in late 2004 to develop a final permanent closure plan for the bankrupt mine's two heap leach facilities and reclamation earthworks to commence thereafter.

Contact: Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office, Craig Smith, Nevada State Office

Title: Atlas Gold Bar Mine**Location:** Between Austin and Eureka, Nevada in Eureka County**Description:** A bankrupt mine site with an extensive road system, tailings impoundment, open pits and waste rock repositories.**Status:** A Pay or Perform notice was issued to the surety companies in August 2004, obligating the limited reclamation bond. BLM is teaming with the state of Nevada and the sureties to develop a reclamation plan for certain mine facilities. This plan will target the tailings impoundment, building demolition, water well abandonment and limited road reclamation. The sureties are being encouraged by the regulators to finance the reclamation earthworks directly.**Contact:** Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office, Craig Smith, Nevada State Office**Title:** Black Rock Canyon Dry Placer Mine and Mill**Location:** Lander County, 3 miles SW of town of Crescent Valley**Description:** Proposed dry placer mining.**Status:** Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment have been submitted and are undergoing BLM review.**Contact:** Jon Sherve, Battle Mountain Field Office**Title:** Carico Lake Turquoise Mine**Location:** Lander County, Carico Lake area**Description:** Carico Lake Mining Company is proposing to conduct a mining operation at the existing Carico Lake Turquoise Mine. The turquoise mine was under a bonded Notice of Intent until 2002, at which time the maximum allowable disturbance under the Notice of Intent was reached and a plan of operations was submitted.**Status:** The permitting process for this project has begun and will be completed in late fall 2004.**Contact:** Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Tybo Tailings Impoundment**Location:** East of Tonopah, Nevada in Nye County**Description:** A cross valley fill tailings impoundment with significant contamination from elevated concentrations of arsenic, cadmium, lead and zinc.**Status:** A Historical Context and Class III cultural survey were completed in 2004. In early 2005 a feasibility study is planned to evaluate the costs of mitigation of eligible sites versus re-designing the current reclamation plan and associated earthworks.**Contact:** Steve Drummond, Battle Mountain Field Office**Title:** Slaven Canyon Project**Location:** Lander County, 17 miles southeast of Battle Mountain**Description:** Nevada Drilling Fluids is proposing to mine barite.**Status:** Permitting process initiated in 2001. Nevada Drilling Fluids is negotiating a sale of this project to another company. Approval of the project is pending ownership change and the re-submittal and approval of an Environmental Assessment.**Contact:** Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain Field Office**Title:** Columbus Salt Marsh Open Pit Mine Proposal**Location:** Esmeralda County**Description:** Columbus S.M., LLC is proposing to mine Columbus Salt Marsh, a playa located 40 miles west of Tonopah. The company expects to produce calcium carbonate from alluvium in the playa.**Status:** Plan of Operations was approved in January, 2004. Project cannot begin until bonding requirements are fulfilled.**Contact:** Alan Buehler, Tonopah Field Station**Title:** Equatorial Tonopah, Inc. Open Pit Copper Mine Interim Solution Management**Location:** Nye County**Description:** Open pit copper mine, including milling and a heap leach operation. A historical molybdenum mining operation disturbed 1,663 acres of private land and 291 acres of public land at the site. Most of the

disturbance associated with the copper mining phase of the operation (450 acres) is on private land.

Status: The mine is in the final stages of reclamation. Plans for fiscal year 2005 include continued dewatering the copper heap leach, removal of process-related buildings, continued monitoring of the Moly Pit lake water quality.

Contact: Nancy Army, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Daisy Gold Mine Closure

Location: Nye County, Fluorspar Canyon

Description: Daisy Glamis Gold Corporation has closed the Daisy mine and is reclaiming the site.

Status: Mine personnel have removed all the buildings on-site and have completed detoxification of the Secret Pass heap leach and all necessary earthmoving and reseeded. Plans for 2005 include continued dewatering of the Secret Pass heap and monitoring of the Secret Pass evapotranspiration basin.

Contact: Nancy Army, Tonopah Field Station

Title: U.S. Barrick Bullfrog Mine Closure

Location: Nye County

Description: Barrick Bullfrog Mine open pit-cyanide vat-leach operation suspended mining/milling operations in November 1999.

Status: Reclamation is mostly completed; remaining closure tasks at the mine include the long term drawdown of the tailing impoundment and final transfer of selected parcels and buildings to the town of Beatty Economic Development Board and Death Valley National Park.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Metallic Goldfield, Inc. Exploration Plan of Operations for the Gemfield Project

Location: Roughly 2 miles north of Goldfield, NV

Description: Metallic Goldfield, Inc. has proposed the drilling of an additional 100 exploratory/condemnation drill holes on roughly 8 acres of BLM-administered public lands.

Status: The amended exploration plan and reclamation bond estimate are being reviewed.

Contact: Nancy Army, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration, and Production

Location: Railroad Valley

Description: An application from Makoil Inc. for a permit to drill one oil well has been submitted and a sundry notice for an overhead powerline.

Status: Environmental Analysis is being prepared and reviewed by BLM.

Contact: Nancy Army, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Rulco LLC Open Pit Mine

Location: Esmeralda County

Description: Rulco LLC has received a potassium lease for 2320 acres of land associated with their alum and sulphur deposit. The mine will produce soil conditioner and plant fertilizer containing native sulfur and potassium alum. A minimum royalty of 2% of the freight-on-board price will be assessed.

Status: The company has posted a combined reclamation/royalty/rental bond with the Nevada State Office. Production is limited and the company is working to develop additional markets in the agricultural sector.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Round Mountain Gold Corporation (RMGC) Manhattan Mine Closure

Location: Nye County

Description: Mining was suspended at the Manhattan mine in the early 90's. Gold ore was processed in a cyanide vat-leach mill and also in a heap leach circuit. RMGC started reclamation on the property in 1999.

Status: All earthwork and seeding has been completed. Revegetation and pit lake chemistry are being monitored. The pit lake chemistry is relatively benign; however, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection may still require long-term monitoring of the lake. The pit lake is expected to reach equilibrium (final elevation) in 2030.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: RMGC's Smoky Valley Common Operation

Location: Nye County

Description: Mining has disturbed approximately 5400 acres, including 4400 acres of public lands managed by the BLM. The company is conducting concurrent reclamation in areas where no additional disturbance is planned. Waste rock piles have been reclaimed and are currently revegetating.

Status: RMGC will continue producing gold from the Smoky Valley Common Operation.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: North Springs Exploration Project

Location: Esmeralda County, Silver Peak Range

Description: Tonogold Resources, Inc., is proposing an exploration plan of operations approximately 13 miles northwest of Silver Peak, NV.

Status: Exploration drilling is expected to begin this fall under a notice, the company anticipates submitting an exploration plan of operations no later than spring 2005.

Contact: Alan Buehler Tonopah Field Station

Title: Spencer Hot Springs Geothermal Leasing

Location: Lander County

Description: BLM has received applications for three geothermal leases

Status: Environmental Assessment is currently being written.

Contact: Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain Field Office; Kathleen Depukat, Nevada State Office

Title: RMGC's Gold Hill Project

Location: Nye County

Description: Round Mountain Gold Corporation (RMGC) submitted a Plan of Operations for the Gold Hill project. Project facilities would include two open pits, a waste rock dump, heap leach pad, carbon plant,

offices and other buildings. Exploration drilling continues at the Gold Hill property under an exploration plan of operations.

Status: An Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared for the operation. The Forest Service and NDOW are cooperating agencies.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Manhattan Millsite Project

Location: Nye County

Description: The Manhattan millsite operated in the 1990's and processed gold ore from the Victorine mine west of Kingston, Nevada. Facilities include a mill building, a tailings impound, a small heap leach pad, an ore stockpile from the nearby White Caps mine. Part of the mill compound is on private land.

Status: The millsite is inactive; if no new milling operation is forthcoming, the BLM will require reclamation of the site.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Mineral Ridge Mine

Location: Esmeralda County

Description: The Mineral Ridge (gold) mine is an open pit, cyanide heap leach operation that filed for bankruptcy in December 1999. Golden Phoenix Minerals (GPM), Inc, bought the property in November 2000 and operated the mine on a care and maintenance basis to July 2003. GPM posted a financial guarantee that allowed the company to restart mining at Mineral Ridge in 2003.

Status: GPM is heap leaching gold ore from the Drinkwater mine pit. GPM has leased an existing mill 12 miles west of Tonopah; GPM is stockpiling high grade ore for eventual processing at the mill.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Midway Exploration Project (Midway Gold Corporation)

Location: Nye County

Description: The plan of operations for the Midway Exploration Project was approved on December 12, 2003. Individual drilling phases were submitted to the BLM for analysis of impacts and mitigation to cultural

resources. On June 3, 2004, a meeting was held at the BLM Nevada State Office with the State Historic Preservation Office. As a result, the Programmatic Agreement for protection of cultural resources during the drilling project is being revised.

Status: The Midway Project is in temporary hiatus pending possible reorganization and refinancing.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Lone Mountain Turquoise Mine (Lone Mountain Mining Company)

Location: Esmeralda County

Description: The plan of operations for the Lone Mountain Turquoise Mine was approved on July 27, 2004. The Lone Mountain Turquoise Mine is a small operation that will redisturb 3.4 acres within an existing mine pit and waste rock disposal area. The high quality turquoise is being further processed at a site in Tonopah. The company has also opened a shop in Tonopah for selling turquoise jewelry from the mine.

Status: The mine is operating and is reprocessing waste rock for its turquoise values.

Contact: George Deverse, Tonopah Field Station

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RECREATION



Title: Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trail

Location: West of Highway 305 approximately 2.75 miles south of Battle Mountain

Description: Trail system offers mountain bikers a variety of technical and aerobic challenges on a combination of single and double track trails. Steep climbs and fast, technical descents wind through historic mining areas, sagebrush covered canyons, and rocky ridgetops in the northern Battle Mountain Range.

Status: 2 miles of trail was constructed in 2004. 4 miles of construction is planned in 2005.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: USFS/BLM Environmental Education Day

Location: Nye and Lander Counties

Description: An Interagency Environmental Education Team was developed in 1998. The Team includes personnel from Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office/Tonopah Field Station and The Toiyabe/Humboldt National Forest, Austin and Tonopah Ranger Districts. The Interagency Team plans and hosts Environmental Education days for the elementary schools of Lander, Nye, Esmeralda and Eureka

Counties. Annual Environmental Education Days will be held at Peavine Campground, Mill Creek Campground, and Toquima Cave or Hickison Petroglyphs Recreation Area. 5th and 6th grade students are given presentations involving responsible land use ethics, resource conservation, cultural heritage, Leave No Trace, Low Impact Camping, Tread Lightly, Wild Horse and Burro program information, Nevada wildlife, native plants, insects, reptiles and Fire Safety.

Status: The Annual Environmental Education Days have been sponsored at Mill Creek (past 15 yrs.), Peavine Campground (past 16 yrs.) and Toquima Cave/Hickison Petroglyphs Recreation Area (past 4 yrs).

Contact: Robert Perrin or Roberta McGonagle, Battle Mountain Field Office; Elisabeth Lani, U.S.F.S., Austin Ranger District.

Title: Rhyolite Ghost Town Caretakers

Location: Nye County

Description: The Rhyolite Caretakers provide a BLM presence to visitors at the Ghost Town of Rhyolite, by providing interpretive tours, site maintenance/cleanup, security to the cultural sites, and collecting visitor use data.

Status: There are two groups of hosts functioning as caretakers at Rhyolite.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office or Susan Rigby, Tonopah Field Station

Title: Central Nevada Recreation Partnership

Location: Nye and Esmeralda Counties

Description: The Central Nevada Recreation Partnership (CNRP) was formed in April 1997. The CNRP was created to explore the recreational, economic, educational, and local cultural opportunities. The CNRP is a consortium of local Chambers of Commerce, Convention Authorities, Conservation Organizations, Economic Development Organizations, Local and County Governments, Federal Land Management Agencies (BLM and U.S.F.S.) and Federal Community Development Agencies. The CNRP presently has representatives from 14 organizations. The CNRP encompasses lands within a 100 mile radius of Tonopah, NV.

Status: Monthly meetings completed as scheduled. The CNRP has

developed a strategic trails plan for the lands encompassed by the CNRP. The CNRP is currently evaluating potential trail projects in Esmeralda and Nye Counties.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Las Vegas to Reno Off-Highway Vehicle Event

Location: Nye, Esmeralda and counties outside of the Battle Mountain District

Description: The Las Vegas to Reno Off- Highway Vehicle Event runs from Las Vegas to Reno, Nevada. This is an annual competitive off highway vehicle race. The Special Recreation Permit is issued by the Carson City Field Office and co-managed by the Tonopah Field Station and the Ely Field Office.

Status: A Special Recreation Permit Application may be submitted by Best in the Desert Racing Association for 2005.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Terrible's Town 250 Off - Highway Vehicle Event

Location: Nye County

Description: This has become an annual competitive off highway vehicle race in the vicinity of Beatty, NV. The Special Recreation Permit is issued by the Las Vegas Field Office.

Status: The "Terrible's Town 250" was conducted on April 26, 2003. Best in the Desert Racing Association is planning this event for 2005.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Nevada 1000

Location: Nye County

Description: Competitive off highway race that will run from Pahrump to Tonopah. This is a 4 day event (3days of which are based out of Tonopah).

Status: Permit has been submitted. Race is tentatively scheduled for July 2005.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Shoshone Range OHV Trail System

Location: Lander County

Description: BLM, in partnership with Lander County and the Northern Nevada ATV Association, proposed to develop managed OHV trail opportunities in the Shoshone Range.

Status: In project design phase; developing environmental assessment.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Revision of Hickison Special Recreation Area Management Plan

Location: Lander County, Hickison Petroglyph Site

Description: Revise existing plan to enhance recreational opportunities.

Status: Ongoing.

Contact: Rob Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

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WILDERNESS STUDY AREA MANAGEMENT



Title: 15 Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) and 1 Instant Study Area (ISA) Monitoring

Location: Battle Mountain District

Description: There are 15 Wilderness Study Areas and 1 Instant Study Area in the Battle Mountain District that are managed under the Wilderness Interim Management Policy. All WSAs are required by BLM to receive regular surveillance (by aircraft or on the ground) monitoring for violations until Congress designates or releases these areas from wilderness review.

Status: 12 WSAs and 1 ISA in the Tonopah Planning Area, 3 WSAs in the Shoshone Eureka Planning Area will be monitored by overflights and ground patrols.

Contact: Robert Perrin, Battle Mountain Field Office

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FIRE AND FUELS MANAGEMENT



Title: Austin Fire Defense System

Location: Austin and surrounding Public Lands, Lander County, Nevada

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office plans on implementing 50 acres of hazardous fuels reduction projects, in concert with the U.S. Forest Service, Austin Ranger District that would mitigate wildland fire threats to the community of Austin. An environmental assessment was prepared in 2002 and the FONSI/DR was signed and issued in August 2003. Other actions planned for 2005 include a class III cultural survey of 125 acres.

Status: FONSI/DR signed on August 6, 2003 and implementation began in September 2003.

Contact: Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Eureka Fire Defense System

Location: Eureka and surrounding public lands, including Diamond Valley, and Eureka County

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office plans on implementing 50 acres hazardous fuels reductions projects that would mitigate wildland fire threats to the Eureka and Diamond Valley Communities. An environmental assessment was prepared in 2002 and the FONSI/DR was signed and issued in August 2003. Actions planned for 2005 monitoring of treatments implemented in 2004.

Status: FONSI/DR signed on August 8, 2003. Implementation and monitoring scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Crescent Valley Fire Defense System

Location: The community of Crescent Valley and surrounding public lands in Eureka County

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office plans on implementing 300 acres hazardous fuels reductions projects that would mitigate wildland fire threats to the community of Crescent Valley. This project is in the

planning stages at this time. Actions planned for 2005 include the completion of the NEPA process in late 2004. Implementation is proposed for 2005.

Status: Project initiated on October 1, 2002. Site assessment completed. Planning is ongoing.

Contact: Donovan Walker, Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Manhattan Fire Defense System

Location: The community of Manhattan and surrounding public lands in Nye County

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office plans on implementing 50 acres of hazardous fuels reduction projects, in concert with the U.S. Forest Service, Tonopah Ranger District that would mitigate wildland fire threats to the community of Manhattan. This project is in the planning stages at this time. Actions planned for 2004 include the completion of the NEPA process in early 2004. Implementation is proposed for 2004.

Status: FONSI/DR signed on July 7, 2004. Implementation and monitoring scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Donovan Walker, Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Yomba Fire Defense System

Location: The community of Yomba and surrounding public lands in Nye County

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office is proposing the beginning of one or more projects that would mitigate wildland fire threats to the community of Yomba. This project is in the planning stages at this time. Actions planned for 2005 include, survey and design, feasibility study, internal scoping, public scoping, class III cultural survey, and the initiation of the NEPA process.

Status: Project initiated on October 1, 2002. Planning is ongoing.

Contact: Donovan Walker, Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Seven Mile Hazardous Fuel Reduction (Fuel Breaks)

Location: The public lands in the Seven Mile and Snowball allotments in Nye County

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office plans on implementing 600 acres of fuel breaks to reduce hazardous fuels in order to mitigate wildland fire threats to the Seven Mile and Snowball allotments.

Status: FONSI/DR for the Seven Mile fuel breaks signed on August 26, 2004. Implementation and monitoring scheduled for 2005.

Contact: Donovan Walker, Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Seven Mile Hazardous Fuel Reduction (Prescribed Fire/Wildland Fire-use)

Location: The public lands in the Seven Mile and Snowball allotments in Nye County

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office is proposing the beginning of one or more prescribed fire projects that would mitigate wildland fire threats to the public lands in the Seven Mile and Snowball Allotments. This project is in the planning stages at this time. Actions planned for 2005 include, survey and design, feasibility study, internal scoping, public scoping, class III cultural survey, and the initiation of the NEPA process.

Status: Prescribed fire/wildland fire-use project initiated on August 30, 2004. Site assessment completed. Planning for the prescribed fire is ongoing.

Contact: Donovan Walker, Chad Lewis or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Rural Fire Assistance

Location: Lander, Eureka, Nye and Esmeralda Counties

Description: Congress has provided the BLM monies to assist our rural fire departments in helping the BLM fight wild land fires. Over 115 volunteer fire departments across the State of Nevada will compete for these grants.

Status: Awaiting authorization from Nevada State Office to begin soliciting requests from the individual Counties.

Contact: Darcy Crotteau or Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

Title: Railroad Valley Wildlife Habitat Improvement Prescribed Burns

Location: Railroad Valley, eastern Nye County, Nevada

Description: The Battle Mountain Field Office plans on implementing 30 acres of prescribed fire to maintain and improve the habitat around several manmade and natural ponds within the wildlife management area.

Status: Dependent on weather.

Contact: Dave Davis, Battle Mountain Field Office

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The Battle Mountain Field Office is responsible for the management of about 10.4 million acres of public lands in Nevada. The northern part is referred to as the Shoshone-Eureka Planning Area and contains about 4.3 million acres of public lands while the southern part, referred to as the Tonopah Planning Area, contains about 6.1 million acres of public lands. The Field Office administers a variety of programs including mineral exploration and development, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, wild horses, livestock grazing, and cultural resources



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